

## **Residents Parking Scheme Guidance and Advice**

### **Residents Parking Schemes**

The Lancashire County Council (LCC) Residents Parking Service has been introduced to provide a consistent and considered approach to requests for new schemes. There will be a limited budget for such work and therefore LCC need to ensure that each request is effectively measured against the criteria approved in January 2021.

It is important to note that any proposed scheme which fails to meet the minimum essential criteria will not be taken forward.

**The minimum essential qualifying criteria for a Residential Parking Bay scheme to be considered, is as follows:**

<b>Essential Minimum Criteria</b>
1. Within the area to be included in the scheme, not more than 50% should have off street parking or the potential to form off street parking within the curtilage of the property.
2. The number of addresses in the proposal needs to number more than 20.
3. Is there sufficient available parking to implement a workable scheme? <i>The amount of parking spaces available will be determined by the number of full 6m sections can be fit into any length of road minus areas where parking restrictions need to be placed and still allowing two-way traffic flow.</i>
4. Is there significant, evidenced support for the implementation of the scheme?

All of the essential minimum criteria will need to be met / evidenced before a scheme is allowed to move onto the next stage.

## **What you need to know.**

### **Parking places**

A residents parking scheme will restrict the number of people parking in a given area either over a restricted period of time or all of the time. People will only be able to park in the area over the period of operation and whilst displaying a valid parking permit for that area.

The residents parking scheme / purchasing a residents parking permit will not reserve exclusivity to the parking space outside your property nor will it guarantee you a parking space within the residents parking scheme permit area. It will however, due to the need to display a permit, restrict the vehicles allowed to park and therefore should improve the possibility of finding parking spaces within the authorised area.

### **Parking Permits**

Parking permits will be available to purchase by residents of the listed properties within the scheme. The number of permits available to purchase by each address point will depend on the individual scheme. Parking permits will cost £25 for 12 months from the date of purchase. Should the property owner change their vehicle then a new permit will be required at a cost of £25 for a 12 month period.

### **Types of Permit**

Within a residents parking scheme there are two different types of permit. Permits that are allotted to a specific vehicle registration (often referred to as Residents Permits) and permits that can be used by any vehicle (often referred to as a Visitors Permit).

### **Additional Information**

Residents parking schemes are introduced by Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO), a requirement of which is that there is a need for the restriction. It is therefore important to have evidenced support from those directly and indirectly affected by the introduction of the scheme, as noted in the key criteria. Please note that the TRO process can take up to two years to complete.

For the council to consider a scheme it is required that an informed consultation survey is undertaken by the applicant or supporting parties, to indicate that there is a majority in support of the measures. An example of the kind of survey you will need to carry out has been provided.

